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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

GHOSH ET AL.

Examiner

Kevin L. Ellis

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-98 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-98 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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**Detailed Action**

1. Claims 2-98 are presented for examination.
2. Information disclosed and listed on PTO 1449 has been crossed off the IDS. The information has been read and placed in the file. The information is a statement by Applicant and not a prior art disclosure that can be considered as part of an IDS. However, because of Applicant's admission a requirement under 37 CFR § 1.105 has been made.

***Requirement for Information - 37 CFR § 1.105***

3. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.
4. Applicant's IDS filed 1/11/07 has brought to the attention of the Examiner potential documents that could be pertinent to determining patentability. Thus, in response to this requirement, please provide a copy of any documents that would be prior art relating to the alleged prior art invention by Intel Corporation and Compaq Computer Corporation as stated in the IDS.

***Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102***

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

6. Claims 2-98 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hayek et al., U.S. Patent 5,630,094.

A) As to claims 2-98, Hayek et al. teaches a system that performs snoop ahead transactions (predictive snooping - see Abstract). Hayek et al. teaches that the system will generate a next sequential address to perform a snoop on the next sequential line (see Col 4 Lines 38-49), this snoop ahead transactions prevents wait or delay cycles from occurring.

This rejection of the claims to Hayek et al. is made similarly to that made in parent application 08/851,666, and that rejection is incorporated here. As stated in Applicant's IDS submission, two Declarations under 37 CFR 1.131(b) were filed in that parent application to overcome this rejection. Those Declarations need to be refiled in this case because the Declarations must be directed to the particular claims in this case, which would overcome this present rejection as it did in the parent application.

### ***Conclusion***

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin L. Ellis whose telephone number is 571-272-4205. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 6:00AM-2:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung Sough can be reached on 571-272-6799. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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March 15, 2007

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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

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